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i do not believe the settlement is fair, especially if Microsoft was found guilty of monopolistic practices. when the phone company was found to be a monopoly it was busted up into the 'baby bells', a mini monopoly at the state level until recently. and when IBM used monopolistic practices and its clout to bully merchants and end-users into purchasing its products it was busted up and fined.

microsoft should not get off with a stern 'no no no' and then be allowed to pay this debt by giving away their software to schools and public organizations, thus extending its monopoly.

please consider this and come up with a more just settlement that doesn't let Microsoft off easy or allow them to expand their empire.

thank you

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